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1. At 8 p.m. on 3 July 1953, [REDACTED] ship was under way from the Kiel Canal to Danzig, she met Polish L. 409 GRT S.S. LUELIN which was near position 4 on swept channel 55 on a southwesterly course and seemed to be in ballast, as she was riding high. At 3:37 p.m. on 4 July 1953 Rixhoeft bore 212° true two sea miles off. Numerous bathers were along the beach as far as Heisterneest. There were, however, only a few persons on the beach behind Heisterneest and no person is and behind Schwedenberg.

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2. At 8:10 p.m. on 4 July 1953, about midway between the former Westerplatte ammunition harbor and the hog shed near the former Weichselmunde Fortress on the Weichselmunde side of the channel, source saw eight Polish warships berthed to a wooden pier. They were new small vessels [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and carried new paravanes on their flat fantails which, judging from the good condition of their red lead coating, had not been used. They had two small guns or a four-barreled gun on the compass platform and the 35-mm or 37-mm guns on the foredeck and the fantail were painted light gray and were pointing upstream with their bows. All boats returned the salute and all hands on deck stood at attention as [REDACTED] ship dipped her flag in passing and were still at this berth when [REDACTED] ship left port at 8:05 a.m. on 6 July.

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3. [REDACTED] ship was berthed in Danzig, she was guarded by three sentries posted ashore. She was searched in the usual manner. The boat which carried the border-police personnel had a machine gun with a spent-case basket on the foredeck. The sentries at the ship and the searching soldiers took no bribes and refused to accept anything.

4. At 8:50 p.m. on 4 July 1953, M.S. BETTY CHRISTOPHERSEN left Danzig with cargo. Her nationality and home port were not identified. At 9:40 p.m. on 4 July, West German merchant ship IMME OLDENDORFF, hailing from Luebeck, put into Danzig. She was in ballast, had deckload stanchions for timber cargo and tarpaulins over all hatches. At 10 p.m. on 5 July 1953, Soviet S.S. MATROS SHELYESNIAK arrived in ballast and, at 6:45 p.m., Polish S.S. WIELUN put into Danzig with cargo.

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5. On the return voyage [REDACTED] a gray accommodation ship in the Hela warship harbor. At 10 a.m. on 6 July, a small gray tugboat of about 300 hp with no visible armament left the Hela warship harbor, making for the harbor in Grossendorf. [REDACTED] ship passed Grossendorf at 1 p.m. as a northwesterly wind was blowing force 4 to 5 and the spindrift of the breaker was [REDACTED]

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lying far over the iron sheetpiling in Grossendorf. At 0:30 p.m. on 6 July 1953, [] a gun report in the direction of Kussfeld and believed that an 80-mm gun had fired. At 1:20 p.m. on 6 July 1953, [] ship passed Heisterberg about two sea miles off, [] two trucks beside a sound locator or radar equipment on top of the hill. At 10:50 a.m. on 7 July 1953, Polish merchant ship HBL was sighted in a position 66° true 1.2 sea miles from position 5, swept channel 55. She carried cargo and steered a north-northwesterly course. At 11:30 a.m., Soviet mercos ship KRIMOV carrying boxes and drums on deck was on an east-northeasterly course near position 5 on channel 55.

1. [] Comment At 8:20 p.m. on 20 June 1953, a Polish auxiliary ship was sighted off Skilo and, at 2:45 a.m. on 22 June, she was obviously met again on a southeasterly course off Heisterberg. It is believed that she was the Polish auxiliary ZETEMPOWIEC []. She probably was identical with the ship [] in the Hala warship harbor on 6 July 1953.

2. [] Comment Grossendorf (Wladislawowo) is a fishing port.

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